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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

CHEN, CHIH-MING

Examiner

Theresa T. Snider

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: the vacuum and ejection tubes being hollow flexible tubes(claim 5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Exemplary of such:

Claim 4, line 1, 'an air' should be replaced with 'the';

Line 5, it is unclear as to what is meant by an outer edge is 'extended'; extended from where? To where?

Line 6, it is unclear as to how an edge can be connected to a head;

Line 8, 'and the bottom' should be replaced with 'and a bottom';

Lines 11-12, it is unclear as to whether the 'air inlet hole' is in addition to the 'air hole' of line 9 or one in the same;

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Line 13, it is unclear as to whether 'an air supply connecting head' is in addition to the 'air supply head' of line 3 or one in the same. If it is in addition to the 'air supply head', it is unclear as to the relationship of the two to each other.

Response to Amendment

4. Examiner attempted to contact Applicant by phone to discuss possible amendments to the application to put it in condition for allowance. Below is a 'suggested', rewritten claim 4 that is believed to more clearly recite the invention. Please consider amending claim 4 to resemble it.

-- A vacuum cleaner connected with an air supply pump comprising:

an air supply pump comprising:

an air supply head; and

an air inlet head, each of which respectively connects with an air ejection tube and a dust vacuum box of a vacuum cleaner;

a vacuum cleaner comprising:

a dust vacuum box formed of two halves of a cylindrical body, wherein each half is defined by a cylindrical wall closed at one end by an end wall, one half of the cylindrical body includes an outer edge extended beyond the end wall with the outer facing side of the end wall having a connecting head which is connected to the air inlet head and the inner facing side of the end wall engaged with an engageable filter seat whose bottom section is provided with a filter, the other half of the cylindrical body has an air inlet hole in its end wall provided with a blocking plate to restrict any collected dust or debris in the dust vacuum box from discharging out from the air inlet hole;

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a vacuum tube connected at one end to the air inlet hole of the dust vacuum box and having a nozzle at the other end; and

an air ejection tube connected at one end to the air supply head of the air supply pump and at the other end to an ejection head. --

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

6. Claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art discloses a vacuum cleaner having an air supply pump with an air supply head connected to an air ejection tube and an air inlet head, a dust vacuum box and a vacuum tube HOWEVER fails to disclose or fairly suggest the vacuum box formed of two cylindrical halves wherein one of the halves has an extended outer edge with the center section connected to a connection head which is in turn connected to the air inlet head and a bottom section engageable with a filter seat having a filter mounted thereon and the second half having an air inlet hole with a blocking plate connected to the vacuum tube.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

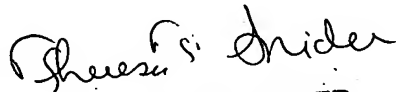
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theresa T. Snider whose telephone number is (571) 272-1277. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (5:30am-2:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gladys Corcoran can be reached on (571) 272-1214. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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